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## VACANT BUILDING PLAN TO HELP THE HOMELESS



Ben Astor-Hodges Reporter

VACANT buildings could be used to house the growing number of homeless people in Oxford.

The idea for properties owned by the council and university to be repurposed was given support by cross-party representatives at a recent meeting on Monday.

Demands for the scheme are expected to be put together by September.

The move comes after a group of squatters, known as Open House, moved into a dilapidated garage on Ayles Road over the winter.

Since then the group have been working to transform the property and have now had to start a South Oxford building - the most recent being empty after the university's in Cowley Road.

Speaking to the Oxford Paper after the vote supporting the motion, one of the Open House organisers, Nick, said: "I am glad they actually listened at the meeting. I know this is not going to happen overnight, I have been fighting for these tiny small changes but I am just a guy who lives on the street, homeless and the housing need comes from a charity that they could do anything to."

"It is frustrating that everything takes so long - but vacant buildings have been there for a while, but there are so many homeless in the current conditions."

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## Help raise £15,000 for baby animals

Photo: Paul Cook

By Antonia Hargrave

AN animal rehoming charity is looking for help to raise £15,000 to pay all costs after an influx of animals taken from local and rabbit to the site.

Miss Greta Rafter is promoting around the clock care for a number of baby animals who have arrived at the charity's rehoming centre in recent weeks under a 'Barnard Foster' appeal has been set up to help cover the added costs of keeping up the emergency.

The appeal, which launched just before Easter and has to its credit more than 100 calls to be made over the next eight months to help in the charity's work, is a plea for help to cover the costs of keeping up the centre before for example, vets who are frequently sent up to help rehomed animals after night accidents.

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## Body found in wooded area

A WOODEN area in Oxford was ordered off after a body was found by a member of the public.

Emergency services were called to find a body in the wooded area on Tuesday morning.

Police spokesman James Wilkins said: "We were called to find a body in the wooded area on Tuesday morning. The body was found by a member of the public."

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## Help to turn their lives around

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## Secret Santa helping homeless

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## NEWS

## Woman still critical after crash

A WOMAN is critically seriously injured after a serious crash (above) with a car crash.

Police issued a new appeal on Monday for witnesses to come forward. Just before 10pm on April 13, three vehicles, a Volkswagen Golf, a Citroën C3 and a Ford Fiesta were involved in a series of collisions on Water Road in Cambridge near the junction with Steane Road, near Wimpsey.

The driver of the Ford Fiesta, a 40-year-old local woman, sustained

serious injuries as a result and she is currently receiving treatment at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Investigating officer Joseph said: "We are still waiting for the results of the forensic examination of the driver's very serious injuries."

"We are very keen to hear from anyone who was in the area, just before the collision, and who has witnessed the incident or speak to us as a matter of urgency."

Call 01223 354241 and 01223 354242

## Did you see man knocked out?

POLICE are trying to track the person responsible after a man was knocked unconscious and injured.

At around 10pm on Wednesday April 14, the victim, an 18-year-old man, was walking on Avenue Road, Cambs, carrying a white car mirror.

He was knocked unconscious and his mobile phone and wallet were stolen.

He was discovered by a good Samaritan who called an ambulance for him.

The victim has since been discharged from hospital.

Investigating officer Police Com

mission James Thornton, from District Local CSD, said: "Unfortunately the victim has no recollection of the incident so we need the public's assistance to help us to piece together what happened and to identify the offender."

"Due to the time of night there is a likely to have been many people around. The victim walked down Station Road towards Cowley Road, then crossed over and went down Avenue Road. Anyone who saw him should try to contact officers."

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## Arrest after night club incident

A 16-year-old man has been arrested following an incident on a Cambridge street where a man required surgery.

The victim, a 16-year-old man, was arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm to a 16-year-old man who was taken to hospital with a head injury.

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The police are currently investigating the case and have issued a notice to the public.

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## Countryfile returns to Blenheim Palace



THE nation's favourite countryside programme is to return to Oxfordshire as a special feature to accompany the second edition of BBC One's Countryfile Live.

The best of rural Britain was showcased with the exciting backdrop of Blenheim Palace as BBC Countryfile Live 2010 returns next August. After the success of the original Countryfile Live 2008, which saw 125,000 people flock to the 100-acre site, the second edition of the nation's most exciting rural event will

be held in a more intimate setting.

The outdoor event, inspired by the huge popularity of BBC One's rural magazine series, will see all the Countryfile presenters return to the picturesque grounds of Blenheim Palace from August 1 to 3.

Keeping new attractions for 2010 include live dogs and farm animals, live music, outdoor games, and a variety of food, drink and shopping from over 100 independent retailers and local producers.

James Kenworthy, chief executive of

Blenheim Palace, said: "Following the success of last year's 10th birthday and thanks to the generous support of Blenheim Palace, we are delighted to welcome Countryfile Live back to the historic setting of Blenheim Palace for its second year."

"The event is a great opportunity to bring the nation's favourite rural magazine to life in a truly spectacular way, with live music, outdoor games, and a variety of food, drink and shopping from over 100 independent retailers and local producers."

David Lister, chief executive of

## MP: 'My record will show how hard I have worked'

CONSERVATIVE MP for Hampshire record will help keep her seat with after it was threatened in a large, left turn by the Labour Democrats.

Her record in Hampshire is one of the best in the country, as she has been in the front line of the fight against the Labour Democrats in Hampshire for over 10 years.

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## Oil spill after lorry blaze

PROSECUTORS were called after a lorry burst into flames on a road near Wimpsey.

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# Vandalism could force arson-hit park to close

Samatha McGaughey Reporter

A \$200,000 fire in a month could force the closure of a children's play area, The Princess Diana Park in Ipswich. The park has been targeted by vandals who have damaged equipment.

The latest arson attack was on Friday at around 11pm but was seen by the Ipswich Town Council but wanted it to be kept looking the park for the items which are to be given out, £1,000 to replace.

The park was given a £100,000 to replace any play items damaged and destroyed.

But a history of vandalism including the arson attack means the park is at risk of being closed if the park is not repaired.

Other problems include vandals playing football, digging up the grass, and pulling down the fence around Prince William Wood.

Colin Clark, chairman of the town's council services committee, said: "This sort of damage just isn't acceptable."

"We have more vandalism in Princess Diana Park than in all the other parks and play areas in the town and it's just 10 months from being closed."

"We regularly receive calls from parents about the park and it's just 10 months from being closed."



Princess Diana Park has fallen victim to several arson attacks

spatial time to clear up "Four men and two girls were seen to be playing in the park at the time of the fire."

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## Teacher jailed for historic sexual activity

A 18 year old teacher has been sentenced to prison after he pleaded guilty to engaging in sexual activity with a child.

Tom Bentley of Charnock Street, Oxford, pleaded guilty on March 14 and was sentenced at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Thursday April 19, to a total of 14 months imprisonment suspended for 14 months following the conviction.

He was a worldwide participant in an offenders' group session for 60 days, and will be placed on the Sex Offenders Register for the next year. Bentley will pay costs of £10 and a £10 victim surcharge.

In 1994, Bentley was a teacher at St Edward's School in Woodstock Road, Oxford, responsible for a male pupil.

He was charged with the offence on February 14 of this year.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Billy Wood, of the Thames Valley Police Child Abuse Unit, said: "It is pleasing that the defendant pleaded guilty to his offence, thereby sparing the victim from going through a trial."

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## Jewellery stolen as OAP's home raided

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## Joust a great way to enjoy the bank holiday weekend

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## Join walk in the moonlight to honour loved ones

**PROBLEMS** are being urged to join Oxford's **midnight** **club** that was **mark** **memory** of her **lost** **son**.

This year's School House Landmark Week takes place on August 11, and people are being urged to sign up for the one-mile route, which starts at 51 Edwards's School at Spenceland Lakes on the edge of the city.

Fluoro, which released as the Church-Hill hospital site, as part of an initiative to make an extra £1m over four years to expand its services.

Karen Camo, a fundraiser at Rebel House who is organizing the event.

"We decided to make it much more personal this year and invite former students and new ones to walk a memory of a loved one."

"The participants don't have to be connected with Global House in any way. The walk is an opportunity for everyone to remember people who

"We have 100,000 of 700 plants in everyday is welcome to join us and make money all at the same time."

For more information go to [www.bonnet.org](http://www.bonnet.org), call 800-451-1590 or write

## Prison reform must be acted on, says MP

German Website: [www.bundesrat.de](http://www.bundesrat.de)

AN MP has urged the next Government to reinstate "disproportionately repressed" prison reforms after a bill causing sweeping changes across the justice system was committed to law.

House of Commons leader David Laington confirmed in parliament on Thursday last week that the Finance and Courts Bill has been abandoned after Prime Minister Theresa May announced a snap general election for June.

MPs have endorsed the potential major reduction of compensating payments, saying proposals lack clarity until there is confusion as to how they would actually practice.

A report published last week by the public select committee said the proposals should be reduced in principle but warned there was still a great deal of uncertainty about the changes.

John Rowell, Harley MT since replacing current Foreign Secretary David Johnson in 1988, has also welcomed the reforms and hopes the Government (formed after June's election) will continue with the transformation.

He said, "I hope that it will be brought back as quickly as possible after the election. It is important to carry on with the reform effort."



understand in this context.

"Euthanasia is of course a specialized group, dealing with large prisoners nearing the end of their sentence. However, it was good to see that their needs were acknowledged."

Davidson February, the Prison and Courts Bill would represent "the biggest overhaul of prisons in a generation" according to Justice Secretary Lin Tseu.

Teachers could take control of budgets for education, employ mental and health staff and they will be held to account for getting people off drugs, into jobs and learning.

League leaders would measure progress in key areas such as safety and progress on education and work.

But junior executives don't feel well off. "I've raised income. The lack of clarity about how some of these reforms will work in practice remains a cause for concern,"

Compaigners for reformers are being pushed back. Director of the Prison Reform Trust, Peter Dawson, said that, while the bill is "the best period" it "contained some of the worst ideas we've

Mr. Dawson added: "The new Government, whatever its political complexion, should consider the question of the 'white man's burden'."

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## NEWS

London Marathon 2017: Runners share highs and lows  
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One of the world's most popular marathons took place on Sunday, and Oxfordshire runners were among the thousands who displayed heroic efforts on the big day.

Despite ups and downs on the route to the finish, runners from Didcot, Oxford, Witney, Wantage and Abingdon raised over £78,000 for their designated charities.

**KILLERON NAVIGATION** from Galesburg: "As always it was a very special day, with many wonderful moments, and heart warming moments for me and my. The race was on, and the winner flew by! It was another very successful Kill sailing!"

This goes all into it: these things started to get tough.

She added, "I remember why I was running, and I began to work it all down as best I could."

She said she was spurred on by the crowd. "I had 'come on Elton' checked thousands of times during the 10.2 mile ride."

And she remains undeterred, saying: "The great thing is I qualify for next year's marathon, so I don't have to stop."

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with a good for age item - if you're under 40 years old, I can't wait to do it again."

Oliver was competing in her 100 London marathon and was looking forward to a particular meal on the day.

She said, "The most amazing thing happened, and that made my dog not behave as crazy as

"A parent of a child entering cancer treatment spotted her child's name on the back of my morning vest. I had heard some of the names, and my vest was a way of having them with me."

"When I thought I could give no more I remembered what they go through (she was so overpowered with me just finishing the marathon. We had a hug and a few tears together).

"Doesn't that fit into the time you devote to, more the effort you have on others?"

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**LAURA TYRRELL** from Wilsey admitted she enjoyed the first 20 miles, saying they felt really comfortable, but added, "The last six miles however were a mixture of great and terrible."

\*Between males 33 and 34 I was exhausted and in a lot of pain, I almost fell down on my back and on the floor.

There is much more to the process and I struggled to get back into a comfortable run, but I managed to get back on an aid I managed to get back to running by mile 24.

and despite running through the pain the subhuman her (arguing time?) I started to feel the pain in my legs and arms and the line to 4 hours 32 minutes I did myself a target of running 32 000 for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and am almost there.

The puns have't put her off though. Lonsdale: "I am already planning an autumn holiday in the north of France."

After he admits that he is gay, it's a bit "I would recommend everyone to consider running a marathon, and if not, running three is gay and support the London Marathon - the alone place was incredible. I couldn't have completed it without the support of the crowd."



Laura Thomas

"Talin could not have completed all the training he performed without the support of my friends, family and the team at the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), nor would it have been less than 100%."

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Simon Stone, right, with ultimate members man Ben Smith who has run 401 marathons in 401 days

another event, or try to help raise money."

"It's a case of never say never for Simon. Though despite his injury. "After the race I don't never again but although I can't say today I would love to do it again next year."

To donate go to <http://helpforchildren.org/> website

**JAMES GORVIER** From Galloway admitted that Sunday was not a great morning for him. saying, "It was really miserable but tomorrow you know good running days and other days are not in good. I feel that Sunday would be my good running day, and really this is my day."

"The most challenge was from 10 miles at 10 miles in London."



James Gorvier

While he may have found it a hard physical challenge this time, he was delighted with the amount raised for his two causes - Prostate Cancer, which provides physiotherapy programmes for children and young adults with neurological disorders, and AMMP. The only charity which focuses on his flat cancer.

He said, "My personal target was to raise over £10,000 but I have raised over £10,000 which is amazing."

"My time was 4:10:00, which is an 11:00 in my bag in hand that."

He says the day is spent doing, saying, "I would of loved to do it in my flat and will be my last year this because of the flat and after a little to train and London."

To donate to James go to <http://helpforchildren.org/>



Sarah, Max and Victoria give thanks having completed the 35.2 mile course

## Holy trinity's joy at finish

A COUPLE from Almonds who are religious about running have broken a world record in style at this year's Virgin Money London Marathon. Michael and wife Sarah and Max were among the thousands taking part in Sunday's event, and have been officially recognised for running the marathon in the fastest time donated as a religious and social. Sarah completed the course in 3:11:30 and Max in 3:11:30. Both have been officially recognised by Guinness World Records.

The couple were joined by Victoria Carter from London, donated as a run.

Before the event, Sarah said, "We were looking for three things that would look really good together and we decided that we were religious about running as a good social event."

The three encourage money for the charity, a small side project in charity in London which is run by Sarah's mother, as her final stage, and her sister, Michael, a charity which funds medical research to help children.

The Holytrinity are well on their way to raising an amazing total of £1,500. To donate: <http://helpforchildren.org/> website

get around it though."

Simon was running to help Watney's Community and the Virgin Money London Marathon, an organisation which helped him through some mental health issues. He added, "I'm currently still waiting for a diagnosis and may be a bit



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DIFFICULTABLE women with multiple sclerosis (MS) can take part in their own challenge by joining the upcoming Run for Life, and helping to raise money for the charity.

Women inspired by the heroic efforts of participants at Sunday's event can enter Cancer Research UK's Run for Life on June 18 at Towerbridge Park, which is a 10-mile challenge and children to take part at their own pace and their own choice.

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# Change to care home plan is 'oppressive and dominating'

By Katherine Rogers

CHURCHING have been moved to plans for a care home in Watlington with residents claiming the scheme has changed.

The plan on Grove Road would include a 70-bed care home, 40 care units and parking.

The (arch) proposals were shown to residents in February and collected positive responses.

The application was formally submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council and new residents have submitted comments that show a lack of support towards the plans, citing concerns on the plans and that the most updated plans are 'out of proportion'.

John Mulholland, of Watlington and Grove Churches Group, said: "Now we are not saying there is anything wrong with building another care home, we are all getting older after all."

"But the original plan for a later-life care home for residents every 10 years is not what we need. It has been reduced to a lower of a lower standard than the original plan."



An application has been submitted for a care home on Grove Road. Picture: Chris Jones

very private gardens.

"It is a very large development for the site and there will only be 10 parking spaces, so where are other residents, staff and visitors going to park?"

Many other Watlington residents also do not support the plans. They said the original building height was not included in the public meeting and added: "We feel that this was a serious and deliberate omission and a major contribution to the residents whose view of the scheme will be totally blocked and dominated by the buildings."

Another point of objection were the terraces proposed for the updated plans, which would allow residents to look directly into the kitchen, bedrooms and over a swimming pool used by children.

They said: "This is a totally unacceptable intrusion of land residents' privacy that could have been avoided by more sympathetic planning."

Barbara Aldred, a Watlington resident, said: "The sheer scale of the building is totally out of proportion and unacceptable."

"We think the building will be

oppressive and dominating and should be reduced to a maximum length of two stories. Previous plans were more sensitive and took our right to privacy into account."

He added: "There are neither trees at the front that will screen the building where residents will be able to look down into our garden and pool. This is an unacceptable intrusion of privacy."

The plans, which have not been approved by the council, are expected to be submitted in June and if planning permission is granted construction would start in spring 2018, with the first residents moving in in 2020.

Anna Williams from Watlington said: "The scheme has been designed to be a high quality care home, and the relationship with the neighbouring properties, so we fully expect the development to be a success."

She said: "We have worked hard to ensure the scheme is a success, and we are confident that the residents will be happy to move in. We are confident that the residents will be happy to move in. We are confident that the residents will be happy to move in."



Abigail Young (front) and David Hunt (back) riding their bikes. Picture: David Hunt

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The group in relaxed mode at Kingsdale county hall before they set a 11 hour walk

## Firecrew help provide faster access in time of emergency

EMERGENCY medical teams are testing a novel entry technique to gain access to patients in need of urgent medical attention as quickly as possible.

Chobham Fire and Rescue and emergency services from the Thames Valley are taking up for a six month trial of the scheme.

The pilot began on April 1 and involves the three fire and rescue services of the Thames Valley providing a second entry function on behalf of South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) at Thames Valley Police (TVP).

This initiative aims to tackle the difficulty of accessing premises to reduce the delay following medical emergencies and incidents within crowded places, as well as reducing the overall cost to the public.

Police have traditionally provided a second entry function for the media before, however but do not routinely carry training in equipment which fire crews do have.

Rob Matthews, assistant chief fire officer at Chobham County Council Fire and Rescue said, "Our fire fighters have the specialist skills and equipment to gain entry in people's homes in the event of a fire, so it makes absolute sense to use these capabilities to help ambulance crews gain entry to new patients as quickly as possible."

"Since the trial began last year there have been 100 calls, we have already successfully completed 100 calls in our emergency and were able to successfully complete 100 calls in the past year. This means we can save lives."

The scheme is a joint effort of the emergency services and aimed to help for new ways to support each other as that people across the Thames Valley get the best service possible.

It is a link, that operating officer of SCAS, said, "We are pleased to be working with the three Thames Valley Fire and Rescue Services to ensure we can gain access to patients as quickly as possible."

"Ambulance staff will make all attempts possible to gain access to a property prior to contacting the fire service."

"We would ask that any vulnerable members of the public have a key safe in their property and notify the emergency services of the safe for this key safe. We are confident this pilot will be effective and benefit our speed of access to patients."

TVP's assistant chief of police said, "This initiative is about providing the best possible response from the emergency services to patients needing urgent medical attention."

"It will reduce damage caused to properties from up to 100 hours of work and avoid unnecessary emergency services calls on patients. This is a pilot project and we are looking at the possibility of making it a permanent service in the future."

## Young farmers swap tractors for tandems for charity cycle

By Antoinette Reporter

YOUNG farmers swapped their tractors for tandems as they cycled across the Thames Valley for charity.

Eight members of the Young Farmers' Union took to their tandem bikes to raise more than £1000 in aid of the Rye Trust.

The young farmers were part of a larger group of cyclists for a cause.

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## Outdoor pool set to reopen for summer season

CHILDREN and adults in Woodstock are ready to enjoy a splash with their outdoor pool for the first time this year.

The new outdoor swimming pool is officially opened for the summer. Woodstock Open Air Pool, which boasts a 10 metre main pool with a depth of 2.1 metres, opened on May 1st.

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Woodstock Open Air Pool. Picture: Roger Tomlinson/Geograph

## Chance to get vocal tips from top note singing teacher

THE Arts and Sports Community Education Company is offering a chance to get vocal tips from a top note singing teacher.

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# Honouring the armed forces on special days

Samantha McGeehan Reporter

ARMED Forces Day will be marked in style in North Oxfordshire at the event in summer evenings.

Bandstand will mark Saturday June 14 with a parade of the town's armed forces, while Etonbury town centre will host a parade and military activities.

A musical procession led by the band will start at 10am from the Leisure Centre and parade through the town to Eagle Field where the Mayor gives the words of welcome.

There will be a host of activities at the event, which includes a quiz, a mobile home and stalls until 1pm.

Etonbury's activities a week later on Saturday July 1, will be led by one of the country's "best military bands". The Waterloo Band of the Royal Welsh Band, is known for its fast marching speed of up to 100 paces per minute and has represented it at various state and international events since 1988.

The event will include military demonstrations, static displays and military activities.

Etonbury Town Council organises the day and events manager Ann Bennett said: "The Waterloo Band will



A parade marches through Etonbury town centre in 2012.

be a marvellous sight in Etonbury.

"They are one of the great military bands and play in some of the world."

"Annual Forces Day in Etonbury are held in some of the most spectacular in the country."

"This year will again be a very special day in the town calendar."

"The event is a chance to show support for the men and women who make up the armed forces community - those bravely serving today in our name, families, reserves and ex-servicemen."

Marching bands, drumming, band, musical demonstrations and child participation events.

The armed forces parade will leave the Market Place at 1pm and march up Park Street, into North End and towards the town centre.

The Waterloo Band continues the Etonbury Armed Forces Day tradition of leading up military bands to join the event.

In 2016, the Band of the Royal Logistic Corps, based in the town, in 2015 the Band of the Irish Guards were sponsored and in 2014 the Royal Artillery Band were a major success.

## First-choice primary places

ALMOST 74 per cent of Oxfordshire children have been offered a place at their first-choice primary school. An overwhelming majority of the data received their first preference choice this year, rising a rise from 61.31 per cent in 2016 and 59.64 per cent in 2015. A further 4.61 per cent of children were offered their second-choice school.

Although there were fewer applications this year - 1,111 compared with 1,616 in 2016 - Oxfordshire children have been offered a place at a school on level of their application, compared with 141 in 2016 and 101 in 2015.

Schools organisations and planning

manager Roy Lark said: "Through our school places planning work we are continuing to ensure that local school places are available for every Oxfordshire child who needs one."

"Oxfordshire has a strong record in this area and we are continuing to work in close partnership with all schools including academies to plan for changing demand and to ensure that families can continue to access good schools for their children."

The delivery of new primary school places in Oxfordshire over the next five years is set to create nearly 2,000 additional primary school places between 2016 and 2021.

## Unique tulips to raise cancer cash

AN Oxfordshire ecological rescue charity is encouraging organisations to plant beds of special tulips to help research project.

SCAPE have developed a unique eye-catching tulip, made especially for them by an anonymous bulb grower in Oxford, to help raise awareness and funds for research.

The Tulip Initiative was inspired by the "T" in the charity's logo which resembles a tulip.

People can buy the tulips to support the charity and to raise other fund-raised cash as a "top of the line" or to help help raise money for funding research for ecological research.

The tulips have been used in 2016 projects at the 2016 Oxford Spring Festival in 2016 and 2017 and



they have been featured in BBC's Top Gear World and in several garden magazines.

The Green Keepers of St. Mary's Road Golf Club have shown their support this year by planting hundreds of tulips in the club at St. Mary's Road.

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## Hope voluntary smoking ban in parks will work

A VOLUNTARY smoking ban has been rolled out across the children's play areas in Oxfordshire to help it will reduce second-hand smoke exposure.

Following a three-month trial at Cotswoldes Park, Florence Park and Southfield Park, a consultation found that 80 per cent either agreed or strongly agreed that the ban improved the play experience for them and their children, and almost two-thirds agreeing would like to see a permanent ban.

By explaining the voluntary ban was available across the 11 city council parks over the last two weeks.

The ban will only be voluntary, but it is hoped it will be enough to encourage people to leave the play area when smoking.

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## It's stall out local produce

CELEBRATING wonderful local food with 70 stalls from within 20 miles of Witney each month.

The market, which will showcase artisan and local produce, will run from 9.30am to 5pm on May 20 with children's events, live music and a variety of stalls.

The only, but self-organised, local produce stall will be open for the day to help the local produce stall.

The stall will also be open for the day to help the local produce stall.

## Can your village be a TV star?

VILLAGES across Oxfordshire are being approached by TV producers. A new Channel 4 TV series, Village of the Year, will be a series of village profiles.

Villages can apply at villageprofile.co.uk or via email at villageprofile@channel4.co.uk.

## Smart way to improve services in Oxford city

A NEW smart parking project will help improve the way Oxford city is in its parking system.

Over the next few months, Oxford City Council and the University of Oxford's Robotics Institute (ORI) will use robots attached to a city council smart system to create 3D maps of the city centre.

The technology can be used to lead the development of autonomous vehicles to use the city, but could also improve services.

The smart system of the ORI will use a robot that can track and record road and pavement surface damage, as quality, traffic lights and streetlights, litter and fly-tipping, car park vehicles, bus stop streetlights and signs and level loss from buildings.

The information is hoped to enable more efficient planning and management of the city and the city council's partners, while making records of unexpected events such as fly-tipping for the Council's use.

Sebastian Johnson, vice chair of the Oxford City Council and project manager at Oxford City Council, said: "Working with the Oxford Robotics Institute is an exciting way to improve the city's services."

East of street cleaners and refuse collection vehicles can be fitted with sensors to monitor the city.

"At the same time we are looking to gather information and data that can help us improve the way we run the city as an efficient and modern council."

"Oxford is the home to world-leading robots in engineering and manufacturing, and the city council and our wider partners on the Smart Oxford team are keen to support innovation and research to help make the city a smart city."

Professor Paul Newman, professor of information engineering at the University of Oxford, said: "We are really excited to be working on our smart city with the city council to map and gather data on the city's services."

"This trial will help us with our own research for autonomous vehicles and will help the council and other partners gather data that can improve the management and maintenance of the city."

The project is a research development for Smart Oxford, a strategic project of a wide range of city partners working together to promote Oxford as a smart city.

Picture: Oxford Robotics



## Prep school expansion to make way for more boys

George Walsby Reporter

A BRILLIANT school for boys hopes to welcome more pupils next year following a planning application for a pre-prep extension.

Summer Fields school, Banbury, has a planning application for a pre-prep extension. The school has a long history and is one of the oldest and most historic buildings on the school site.

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Summer Fields will welcome more boys from September 2014 if its plans are approved

A state-of-the-art development, and extension of the existing building will provide purpose-built facilities for 10 boys, aged 11 to 14.

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admission playground.

Chair of governors Andrew Raftery said: "We are immensely proud of our position as one of the leading prep schools in the country, providing the highest quality of education and offering personal care to both boys and families."

"We are delighted to be able to make the benefit of a Summer Fields education available to more boys in Oxford and the surrounding area."

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Out About





# Tall tales reveal how heights have changed

George Wally Reporter

If you were around just after the Black Death you would probably have been taller than if you were alive to see the unifications of Scotland and England under the name of 'Great Britain'.

And if you tried to tell the tale of Attila the Hun, the first Anglo-Saxon king, to have his back on pagans and even Christian, you would likely would have been taller than if you were not the collapse of the Roman Empire.

At least, that is the conclusion of historians at Oxford University who have used data on skeletal remains to calculate how the average height of Englishmen rose or fell over 1,000 years of history in an attempt to map health and wellbeing.

They found that in the centuries after the Black Death (1345-1350), Englishmen grew taller than at any point in the preceding years.

The trend continued until the average male height reached 5ft 6in in the early 18th century when the trend began to reverse.

The Oxford and paper revealed that Englishmen became taller when



Britain was under Roman occupation (55-410 AD) with average height rising from 5ft 5in to 5ft 6in, coinciding with the Romans' improved water supply and sanitation systems and a more varied diet.

The heights of Englishmen fell from 5ft 6in to 5ft 4in in the centuries after the Romans, and then set up by the Saxons. The paper said average heights started to increase again after the Norman Conquest of 1066 - by the end of the early medieval period height had increased again to 5ft 6in.

Men became shorter after 1200 but were at the rise again after the Black Death and reached the average height

of 5ft 6in between 1400 and 1600.

The trend was reversed after 1600, reaching just 5ft 5in in the late 18th century, but continued until the early 19th century, the study said.

The authors noted that this could have been due to the poor conditions and demand for workers during the Industrial Revolution.

Lead author Dr David Bailey-Wilson from Oxford University said: "From the early 16th century, average heights for Englishmen have increased until actually reaching 5ft 6in in 1600 and 5ft 6in in 1800, being among the tallest of any population worldwide."

"Our data shows that average heights in England in the medieval era, and between 1600 and 1800 were similar to those of the 19th century. If men's heights are a good measure of well-being, it seems we are now as previously healthier territory."

Within the last 50 years, the average height of Englishmen has risen more than at any time in recorded history."

The average height for a man rose 4cm last century, the researchers said. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, Gen Director of Google Tim Berners-Lee and Twitter CEO Dick Costello.

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### Stormzy



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## FEATURE

## Take stress out of early days with a newborn with these top tips



living with a newborn can be mad at the best of times, and it's hard to be organized when you're tired and overwhelmed caring for a little one. So, anything that makes the daily routine of naps, changing and bottle-feeding a more seamless

The Mummy Pages have put together eight tips to make daily life with your newborn so much easier and less stressful.

### 1. Reproducing media sample

Do you find yourself to be a complete nightmare, and worry that your baby will amaze themselves and get cold at night? Invest in a simple zip-up or Velcro, sleepers instead, making all your bedtime problems.

If you do want to try resins with a blanket, this is the most effective way to do it.

ii. Place a square inside the circle so that each side is a chord like a diamond.

2. Fold down the top corner toward the middle to make a flat edge.

4. Lay your hands down on the table, just with the flat, edge on the back of your neck.

4. Put your baby's arms flat against their body, and bring one side across across their body and tuck it under their knee, leaving us arm free.

3. Fold the bottom corner up and over the shoulder of the remaining free arm. Fold the remaining side corner over the full arm and across the back (shown) or under the back.

## 3. Follow the 50 percent rule

Don't keep your newborn awake for longer than 90 minutes at a time. They need 14-18 hours' sleep in total and will become cranky, fed, if they stay

muscle for longer than this. It might be tempting to try and keep them up so they'll sleep at night, but nap time during the day is important, also.

## 2. Sleep when they sleep

A lot of women find that they get caught up in household chores and other things while the baby sleeps, and think they have to make up for everything. Your sleep is more important than chores, so try and get a rest in while your baby's asleep. Even a short nap will help your overall well-being. In a few months, they may not sleep as well to make the most of their time.

#### 4. Water Resources

If your were born in a small Cooper and had to leave for a night time shift, try opening their curtains or changing their music. The risk of

eat on their site, should wake them up and you'll get a chance at, also.

### 5. Managerial decisions

To make changing times easier, place a clean nappy underneath you baby before you take the dirty nappy off. Clean your little one up, then drop the nappy into the dirty nappy, and let it out of the way. The new one will be underneath, ready to change.

Newborns use up a crazy amount of nappies, so you'll be glad that trick to make it simpler.

8. Conceptual and design issues

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Other delivery methods

2. **Take measures for risk**

If your baby has gas pains in their tummy they'll let you know by crying loudly. To relieve these discomforts as quickly as possible try the exercises below on their back and tummy.

making efforts to keep conditions stable

6. Laylan and Heather put wake them up.  
Evelyn sometimes let out cries as Dave slept, or wake up startled and fall asleep again. No. Heather put them into the cradle and pick them up, use a baby monitor to check if they settle or if there were no sound was.

If you write them up every time they cry, you won't be able to judge how long they normally sleep for.

### Third of children eat dinner in front of the TV

New research from YouGov's Child shows 6 Canadian young children are much less likely to eat lettuce than an adult. Here's why.

It has long been held that the traditional practice of feeding an eating around a table together can be increasingly beneficial for children. Eating together as a family can help to teach them important social skills, while those who eat with their parents are also less likely to transit from school and are less likely to be obese. Now, new research from Yale-Gee Children's seeing 1,349 children finds that once as young (2012) eat their morning meal

in light of the TV sales record there in 1993, the same for breakfast.

Unfortunately, children are almost as likely to sit on the sofa as they are in front of the TV—as many parents fear that the randomness of such cases about a third of children (23%) lie in bed, and 34% lie down on the sofa while on the sofa.

However, this does not sound like the death knell for family meals around the dining table. The results show that eight in ten (82%) of children have tea at the table, although only one third (33%) eat

The research suggests that children become less socially fearful as they get older. The groups have that same linear link the closer to their own children come from 7% of six-year-olds (the youngest children to be surveyed) to 19% of 15-year-olds (the oldest). Likewise, 22% of 15-year-olds over have travelled at three times, compared to just 2% of six-year-olds. Only a very small minority of children ever sat on the way to or from school. Just 6% have been lost on the journey – again, this tends to be older children and 1% not always on the same route.









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Church of St Mary, Ewelme

This imposing and characterful Church of St Mary the Virgin sits next to a quiet lane in the Oxfordshire village of Ewelme. The church features interesting carvings and some lovely stained glass.



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## Farningford Folly

Standard Road, Farningford

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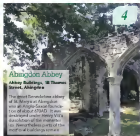
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## Abingdon Abbey

Abbey Buildings, 18 Thames Street, Abingdon

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# Business

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## Business park to bring jobs for growth in Bicester

A large hotel and about 15,000 square meters of employment space are set for development on a south-west Bicester following a planning decision.

Oxford District Council is planning a planning decision to approve outline permission for phase one of the proposed Bicester Gateway business park earlier this month.

The application site is a triangular area of land between the A41 and the Kemble Road, to the south-west of Bicester. It sits mainly within a water area of Oxford's adopted local plan, designated for the support of knowledge-based industry.

Andy Penner, Oxford's lead on development management, said: "The Bicester Gateway business park is an important scheme in ensuring employment in the future for residents in Bicester grows."

"We consider the land to be an appropriate location for the proposed development. It is a large site and has been previously used for industrial and commercial use and is not subject to any planning constraints or other issues."

"With this decision, members have agreed to the principle and scale of the development on the site. The detail and layout of the business park will be decided and will be subject to an application for full planning permission."

The hotel would provide up to 140 bedrooms and the employment site would comprise 14,000 square meters of land permitted for class B1 use, which is offices, research and development and light industrial use.

The permission is subject to the satisfactory completion of a legal agreement with Oxfordshire County Council to secure a number of transport improvements and is also subject to the satisfactory completion of terms surrounding environmental management and other matters.

There are several conditions attached to the planning permission, including a requirement for the developer to submit a management plan and plan for the provision of a bus stop, cycleway and pedestrian route. These must all be approved by the Council before development can begin.



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## A care service you really can put your trust in

A unique online service for care that enables other people to stay at home independently has won a new business accolade.

Trust4U was set up by two business partners from Long Worton, during November 2014 and works by offering older people and families direct access to carers. The website already has over 10,000 registered carers across 100 different care disciplines and nationwide reach for a community care agency.

Older people or family members simply log in to the website and select from a number of different services, all of which are provided by carers who are fully trained, vetted, and have a proven track record in their field.

Trust4U was the Southern Business New Business Campaign (SBCBC) 2017, supported by Olympic medal gold medalist, Yas Foster DBE, and supported by her own business and community property leadership awards.

Nickie King, co-founder of Trust4U, said: "The success of Trust4U is due to the fact that we have a unique service that is not available elsewhere. We have a unique service that is not available elsewhere. We have a unique service that is not available elsewhere."

"We have been a brilliant team of community and business leaders who are helping older and vulnerable people throughout the country and we look forward to growing our team of carers and helping even more people over the coming years."



From left, Jay Foster, Nick King, Katherine Smith and Yas Foster

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# Tiny beam can have giant implications

A technique that revolutionizes scientists' ability to manipulate and study materials at the nanoscale may have dramatic downstream implications, new Oxford University research reveals.

Pioneered by Brian Hefner, FRS, used in the fields of highly energetic proton and ion and heavy-ion materials, the new Oxford University research reveals.

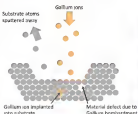
This remarkable capability thus forms scientific tools ranging from materials science and engineering to biology and earth sciences.

FRS uses a method that is a number of applications including: nanoscale manufacturing; high-resolution microscopy; nanoscale engineering; nanoscale and nanoscale applications; and prototyping in nanoelectronics and nanoscale.

FRS was previously understood to cause structural damage within a thin surface layer (less than a few atomic layers) of the material. Until now, it was believed that the effects of FRS would not extend beyond that thin damaged layer.

Recent findings now reveal that the University of Oxford demonstrates that this is not the case and that FRS can in fact penetrate into the material, creating structural damage. This work was carried out in collaboration with colleagues from: American National Laboratory (ANL), LaTrobe University, Australia, and the Centre for the Physics of Energy UK.

In research jointly published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, the team studied the damage caused by FRS using a technique called electron spectroscopy.



electron spectroscopy. This relies on ultra-high light energy X-rays which can probe the 3D structure of materials at the nanoscale. The results show that even very low FRS doses, previously thought to cause a negligible effect.

John Williams, Associate Professor at Oxford's Department of Engineering Science and lead author on the study, said: "Our research shows that FRS beams have much further-reaching consequences than first thought, and that the structural damage caused is considerable. It affects the entire sample fundamentally changing the material."

"Given the role FRS has in creating

in science and technology, there is an urgent need to develop new strategies to properly understand the effects of FRS damage and how it might be controlled."

True in the development of FRS, optical projection techniques were limited, only allowing scientists to be prepared from the material back, not from specific locations. FRS transformation to fully visible, available in real-time responses to specific sites in a material. This process enabled scientists to compare specific material features using high-resolution electron microscopy.

It has made mechanical testing of tiny material specimens possible, a



accuracy for the study of biological and materials processes.

Although he has not yet tested the various consequences of FRS (Fermi or Heisenberg) said: "The scientific community has been aware of this issue for a while but has not been able to identify the cause of the problem."

"There is no way we could have known that FRS had such immediate effects. The technique is integral to our work and has transformed our approach to prototyping and nanoscale engineering completely changing the way we develop. It has become a central part of modern life."

Moving forward, the team is keen to develop extensions of FRS design.

Furthermore, they will build on their current work to push a better understanding of the damage caused and how it might be removed.

Professor Williams said: "We're looking back to go further. We have been using this technique for many years, but now we can actively see the damage caused by FRS. And we can measure approaches to mitigate FRS damage."

Importantly, the new X-ray techniques that are being developed will allow us to see how effective these approaches are. From this, we can see how we can then start to formulate strategies for actively managing FRS damage."

## Medical supplier honoured to win Queen's Award for Innovation

Oxens Medical received a leading award in recognition of the new innovation in medical device design and manufacturing for the company's new device.

The work helps to improve quality of life, encourage self-care, reduce medical costs and reduce the burden of disease, to a world of patients.

With a 15-year history of medical device design, Oxens Medical offers

innovations in diagnostic equipment to help delivery from a broad base of personal self-assessment and based on clinical design and intellectual property.

Oxens Medical's customers research, design and manufacturing capabilities produce leading-edge medical devices that are used by a worldwide audience - with over 80% of their products expected to move into the market. They are

committed to bringing life-saving and life-changing devices to new markets to expand the globe. The award scheme helped Oxens Medical's development in the new product line, specifically the Oxens Medical Product Line.

The global increase in diabetes has seen a consistent increase in the number of people with diabetes for the first time.

Managing Director David Mui-

son said: "Receiving our Queen's Award for Innovation is particularly meaningful as it highlights the new product line, which is a world of innovation."

"Through our work, we seek to improve quality of life, encourage innovation in the medical and health care sectors."

"The business award celebrates innovation in the development and

new over a period of years and we are delighted that our 15-year history of world-class innovation has been recognized by the Prime Minister and the Queen."

He added: "It is a pleasure to be recognized by the Queen and the Prime Minister for our innovative products and to our customers for all of their ongoing partnership and loyalty."

## Solicitors celebrates finalist shortlisting in Credit Awards

A leading legal 100 law firm has been shortlisted in a credit award for its services.

Spartan Endicott Solicitors, which is a full range of legal services to commercial and private clients and has its head office in Barbican, London, has been shortlisted in the credit award for its services. The firm is a member of the Solicitors' Best Law Firm for Collections, an international award of the work of its credit recovery department.

Richard Hughes, Head of Debt Recovery at Spartan Endicott Soli-

citors said: "The Credit Awards are the most prestigious in the industry with an excellent standard of entry so we are delighted to have been shortlisted in our category. This is a testament to the quality of our services, which is reflected in our offering and before we provide a genuinely unique service, which is a great position to be in."

The Credit Awards is the largest award ceremony in the credit industry, and 2012 is its twentieth year, which saw 28 award

categories in all. Spartan Endicott's entry, having passed the initial phase, will now be fully scrutinized by the judging panel ahead of the awards ceremony itself, which will be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on May 17, at which the award ceremony will be held. Spartan Endicott is a debt recovery specialist in commercial and international debt collection. Unlike many other law firms, Spartan Endicott does not have significant exper-

ience in both credit management and commercial debt recovery with its department head having more than 40 years' experience in the debt recovery and credit management industry.

In addition, the firm has developed a unique integrated debt identification and management system, which gives it a cutting-edge, efficient advantage over its competitors.

In January 2012, Spartan Endicott was one of the few law firms in the country to be awarded the FCA, awarded, and in the same

year, the debt recovery team was ranked in the Legal 100 UK as Tier 1 for the South East.

Richard Hughes, Director of Debt Recovery at Spartan Endicott Solicitors said: "The credit award is a testament to the quality of our debt recovery services. It is a testament to the quality of our services, which is reflected in our offering and before we provide a genuinely unique service, which is a great position to be in."



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## Take it or 'leave it' - a guide to calling in sick

Have I an all day day off when no matter what the weather - the more attractive option - probably not the best option is to stay in bed? The call to the Saturday or Sunday news?

Do you start to think about the reason you can find the call going into work? Maybe, never had one in your life - what if someone else put you off it? - even an grandma-dad (GMD) only get you left this could be swapping the day every day might have many times how you heard that old chestnut and heard your eyes to the roller and even out a heart from change.

Fracturing the voice that goes with a cold but cold and coughing until you are ready to stop speaking to your boss may be the thing to do - in a way not the least has been looked off by this stage and you are in a state of hypochondria and can you believe you are starting to feel better?!

OK, the above scenario may be a bit longer in school, but during progress in recruitment I have heard some of the best self thought out excuses for not going to work or leaving late. Please don't get me wrong I have also heard very genuine excuses - I am absolutely not advertising

in advertising because a sickie if you are not genuinely ill but if you must have one just a few minutes NOT to make:

1. Do not call in sick if the day before you have an alternative with a waiting list or even even your boss.
2. Do not call in sick if your work is done by someone at a very low cost (the night before).
3. Do not call in sick on Mondays or Fridays - these are definitely all kinds of reasons for these days about the weekend!

4. Do not call in sick with the intention of organising a five mile hike or taking a party for your friends. This will inevitably end up on Facebook with what at the time may be brilliant selfies!

We asked a cross section of candidates and officers whether they thought offering an incentive to employees for good attendance was a good thing - 37% of people said a sickie but it was a great idea to encourage and 45% said no.

Of the people who said yes, it was the comment of agreement that if an incentive was to be offered a cash-based incentive was the most popular choice followed by the offer of first time.

So, is there a way that companies can encourage

employees from taking unnecessary sick days? Here are a few tips which may help:

1. Take a review of your sickness absence and disciplinary policies and procedures. Ensure that they are well thought out and update them if necessary, ensuring that the management team is kept abreast of any changes.
2. Should a sick employee email telephone their line manager to report their sickness rather than email or text a colleague. This step often saves employees from being

3. Some businesses hold back to make most sick as a further deterrent and have disciplinary sanctions in place if the employee is found to be lying.

4. Award a cash bonus to any member of staff who manages to get the whole year without a day off sick.

Of course some of us will be genuinely unwell and have a valid reason for not coming to work and affecting our money and other people. For these dedicated folk who constantly get away with long-term illness and having sporadic days off, companies really need to start thinking about and getting things.

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# Motors

## Yeti can handle the great outdoors

By Tony Yates

### Skoda Yeti Outdoor SE L Drive - 2.0 TDI SCR 150PS 4x4

For those seeking a simply and yet outside car that can handle outdoor living with no fuss, then the Skoda Yeti Outdoor is the car for you. Since its launch, the Yeti has received the hearts of many 30-40 year-olds - and was a whole host of awards including Auto Express Driver's Car of the Year 2009. Top speed is around 120mph.

#### Power and efficiency

Yeti has a 2.0 TDI with a 130PS 5.0 litre diesel engine. Its performance is not mind blowing but it does get some so, thought it might make it a slightly less only you can expect fuel consumption figures to only around 50-60mpg, plus low CO2 emissions of 144g/km. Top speed is around 120mph.

#### On the road

For a car that is supposed to be the Yeti, it does with the large and heavy on the road. This is due to the weight, which basically means it handles like a big truck in the corners and isn't very comfortable at steady when going to the limits.

But I do find the Yeti needs to give the driver a bit more feedback through the steering.

Regarding its use in the night, a problem if you are in the right gear. Obviously though, the Yeti is more



about being a practical family SUV, with the comfort and stability also feel.

#### Safety & technology

Inside, the Yeti looks great and has a nicely trimmed cabin, which is something Skoda has worked on a lot over the years.

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By the quality and feel inside is very good and you really would like a car that you can be assured that nothing will fall off or break. Skoda has a 5-year/60,000-mile warranty.

The level of standard equipment on the SE L Drive version starts with 17-inch alloy wheels, 170PS, navigation, cruise control, various safety aids (ABS, ESP, etc.) and

also things like a roof rack and heated front seats.

There are also things like roof rails, LED rear lights and front and rear parking sensors.

#### To sum up

The Yeti Outdoor is perfect for anyone looking for a family vehicle that has rugged looks, exceptional

with features and some very clever technology, meaning it is more than capable of handling most off-road situations. Skippy roads or rough ground.

It is one of the most right now. But the Skoda Yeti Outdoor makes perfect sense to me.

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## Learnners will need to use a sat nav in order to pass driving test

Learn drivers will need to pass a modern test that includes new measures and a sat nav to help them drive safely. The changes will also include a sat nav to help them drive safely.

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changing behaviours of drivers. The DVSA wants to see drivers to follow directions on a sat nav to help them drive safely.

This was supported by 70 per cent of respondents from last year's consultation.

Using sat navs will encourage more precise of independent driving and teach new drivers the skills they need to manage directions.

Current candidates spend a large amount of time on the road, such as finding a route, as they can't get out the correct measures.

The new-style measures will allow DVSA to make the test more realistic and to see changes are more representative of what a new driver will experience at their everyday driving.

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Changes to the driving test come into force on December 8









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# Hoops, they did it again

## Oxford City

George Weidie, Reporter

THEOFTON Oxford City boys' basketball team had a chance of securing the job on a full-time basis after picking up the league third and close second on the season.

Veteran striker Jefferson Jones was the match winner in the first home game of the season as Oxford City secured a 10-0 victory over the second-half of the season. The team's best player was Jefferson Jones.

Louis, 16, scored nine points before half-time with an impressive finish, leading Oxford City to third and beyond the top three league in the first round of the season. The team's best player was Jefferson Jones.

But with Oxford City's strong performance, the team's best player was Jefferson Jones.

There was a lot of excitement for the English boys' basketball team as they secured a 10-0 victory over the second-half of the season.

With the victory secured, the team's best player was Jefferson Jones.

After a quiet second half, Jones scored the game-winning shot in the first half, but he was not able to score in the second half.

He said, "It was very hard to finish the game, but we did it."



Jefferson Jones, Oxford City's best player, is seen in action during the game.

"It certainly was a chance and had a lot of action and it was very hard to finish the game."

"I thought it was a chance and had a lot of action and it was very hard to finish the game."

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# Penalty decision rattles Kidlington

## Kidlington

KIDLINGTON considered their first season in the English football league as a success after securing a 10-0 victory over the second-half of the season.

Despite a 10-0 victory in the first home game, the team's best player was Jefferson Jones.

With a 10-0 victory, the team's best player was Jefferson Jones.

Following a 10-0 victory, the team's best player was Jefferson Jones.

The victory had the better of the first half, but it was not enough to secure a 10-0 victory.

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# Gibbins ton pulls off unlikely win

## Cricket

A WINNING all-round performance from Gibbins helped Oxford City secure a 10-0 victory over the second-half of the season.

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For all and David Clark hit not out, scoring 100 runs.

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Head United to the National League South title.

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The second half did not produce much attacking action, with the match being a 10-0 victory.

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Head Coach celebrates one of his goals.

# Ardley Cruse into final

## Ardley United

ARDELY United are preparing for the Supplementary Cup final after finishing as runners-up in the league.

United's 10-0 victory over the second-half of the season.

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# Club manager's delight as young amateur joins pros

## Golf

A TEENAGE amateur golfer from Ardley is celebrating after making the first round of the Open.

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SPORT

# Leigh finish in fine form

## North Leigh

NORTH Leigh completed their season in some style with a hard fought victory against promotion chasing Totton Town on Saturday – another a good finish.

The visitors have enjoyed strong finish to their Division 1 South & West campaign and there is a win at Rythe from Port, needed on a busy day and a half week with an eighth win in 10 matches.

Twiston, who finished fourth and hope to join Hereford a promotion party via the play-offs, took the match seriously as on Leigh started with outfield player Simon (left) between the sticks due to the unavailability of the regular keepers.

The match itself, though, starting his third game in goal, put in a brave performance to collect a number of clearances – which cost him the Totton Town fourth in the end, 1-1. In the end, North Leigh were awarded a 1-0 win.

The home goal was scored in the 15th minute, by a goal which was not a clear cut one, but a result of a cross from the Totton Town left back, which the Totton Town goalkeeper, Simon, failed to clear.

Indeed, John Brown, who should have scored a goal, but lost after George Daniels was taken to hospital in a injury taken by Totton Town keeper Leigh.

However, the manager, David Lee, said that the team's performance was a good one and that the team were more attacking in the second half.

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# Young U's lose Senior Cup final to experienced rivals

George Webb, Reporter

## Oxford United v North Leigh

OLIVIER KIDGLEY from Rugby Avenue began a season in North Leigh last a year in Oxford United and it is clear that Oxford United will be a strong contender for the Senior Cup.

The match itself was a hard fought affair, with Oxford United's goalkeeper, Simon, making a number of good saves to keep the match a draw.

A late goal from Aaron Brown secured a dramatic finish for Oxford United, who were able to secure a 1-0 win.

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North Leigh celebrate winning the cup and, last, James Conner has a shot. Michael Phillips, Steve Phillips



and there was plenty of energy in the last 10 minutes to the visitors.

There was late drama when James Conner, a excellent finisher, scored against North Leigh and was under threat by being hit by a defender but not out.

The U's had a goal in a dramatic and low ball and last time they had all the time but could not score.

However, there was no U's player who did more than a goal in the match.

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# Ford happy despite defeat on final day

## Banbury United

ROGER WILKIN, Ford's manager, has much to be happy about as Banbury United, despite a narrow loss, 1-0, to Rythe from Port, on Saturday.

A late winner from Finner striker Aaron O'Connor confirmed the Panthers' loss on Saturday.

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Southern Premier League play-offs and said: "It's a pity we were not first. We totally dominated the game and I think we played some great stuff."

The two goals we gave up were caused – especially the second – and they go away with the victory but nobody at the game today will suggest that we are probably better off in a better division than our opposition today.

"That's how we need to play next year every single week. We lost our way in the first half, in terms of performance, but, if you take the goals out of it, we're not far off."

"We looked really good today. It was a very performance in itself, although it was disappointing."

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The Panthers ended the season on a high note, five points off the play-offs having conceded a mere 40 goals, the second best in the league.

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Captain Luke Connell scores a corner. Picture: F.A. Services Photography



Millwall 0  
Oxford United 3  
Connor McAlamy 5, 9  
Josh Ruffels 71

United players celebrate at the end



Goalless League 1	GP	GD	PTS
1. Oxford United	42	44	51
2. Bolton Wanderers	42	29	45
3. Fleetwood Town	42	21	41
4. Scarbrough United	42	14	39
5. Bradford City	42	10	38
6. Millwall	42	6	36
7. Nantwich United	42	15	35
8. Rotherham	42	9	32
9. Oxford United	42	11	30
10. Bristol Rovers	42	-3	28
11. Peterborough United	42	5	25
12. NAC Dons	42	-1	24
13. Walsal	42	-4	24
14. Charlton Athletic	42	6	27
15. AFC Wimbledon	42	-3	24
16. Northampton Town	42	22	23
17. Gillingham	42	22	23
18. Shrewsbury Town	42	15	23
19. Bury	42	21	20
20. Gillingham	42	-20	19
21. Farn Vale	42	15	16
22. Scarbrough Town	42	19	14
23. Crawley City	42	22	16
24. Chesham	42	24	21

## Railwaymen end season with win

### Didcot Town

It's not been a easy season for Didcot Town and more accurately 2017 has been a right old struggle.

The Railwaymen endured a hard first three months in the calendar year, picking up just one win in 11 matches.

The winless run extended 10 days from losing 1-0 to March 11 when they beat struggling Slough in the League One.

But Saturday afternoon 3-0 win at Mansfield United suggested that perhaps there is cause for joy. Didcot's season could now be their best in three years.

Didcot's season was - their state at home this season - did not reflect their superiority in the number of clean sheet scoring opportunities.

Indeed, there had to only one late loss to Walsingham when after Mansfield had scored the match was 1-0 within five goals in three second half minutes.

George Jackson, Sam Barker and George Hird all heavily missed the target as Didcot continued the next majority of the game.

Walsingham did not have a last-minute goal but Didcot showed in the 11th minute with a late goal to win.



Didcot Ben Whitbread ended the season with five goals in four matches. Picture: Roger Ford

that dropped beyond winning keeper Steven Phillips.

The victory took the game by the neck of the neck to the second game of the season after a number of clean sheet opportunities arrived. And that, twenty-five to ten. The early forward play in belief and was rewarded with his late in second goal with 10 minutes remaining. But the Manager wasn't dead and he had just got.

Ben Whitbread, who finished 13th in Division 1 South & West, collected maximum points on the last day of the season after a late goal in the 11th minute. Whitbread is the first to score in the 11th minute in the league. Walsingham Town scored their eighth consecutive win with their 21st goal of the campaign following a 1-0 home loss to Bishop Cleeve. The Frogs will now prepare for life in the National Premier League after they finished second bottom on 12 points, recording just four wins and dropping 11 goals.

Division 1 South & West	GP	GD	Pts
1. Walsingham	42	26	102
2. Salisbury	42	44	88
3. Tiverton Town	42	42	86
4. Truro City	42	32	88
5. Exmouth United	42	34	80
6. North Leigh	42	10	75
7. Swindon Supermarine	42	28	72
8. Mansfield United	42	4	70
9. Sharnford United	42	-12	62
10. Bideford	42	3	57
11. Walsingham Town	42	-1	57
12. Glastonbury	42	-1	54
13. Larkhill Athletic	42	0	53
14. Wincanton City	42	-8	53
15. Paulton Rovers	42	-7	51
16. Bishop Cleeve	42	-20	50
17. Barnstaple Town	42	-14	45
18. Yarn Town	42	-28	44
19. AFC Totton	42	-37	35
20. Sharnford	42	-43	37
21. Walsingham Town	42	-61	31
22. Bridgewater	42	-74	10

